(c) Yes, Sir. Apart from 123 rigs of various types already available with the State Government, the Central Government has allowed the purchase of 3 DTH and one combination rig for use in the current drought affected areas of the state.

Construction of Hostels for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Students

*477. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students, including girl students in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of construction of girls' hostels for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The proposals from the State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh under this scheme for the year 1987-88 has not been received. There is no such Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe boys hostels.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gandhamardan Bauxite Project

*478. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not taking speedy decision to start work in Gandhamardan area in spite of the Expert Committee's report for resumption of mining operations by the BALCO;

(b) when the operation was stopped and what were the reasons for such stop-

(c) the total amount spent so far without performing any work since the date of stoppage; and

(d) how much quantity of Bauxite was raised during the period of operation?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) From December, 1985, the work on Gandhamardan Bauxite Project of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) was held up due to agitation by the local people and for want of final environmental clearance. The Expert Committee headed by Dr. B. D. Nagchaudhuri was appointed by the Government of India on 5th September, 1986, to study in depth, the impact of the proposed development of Gandhamardan Bauxite Deposits in Orissa on ecology and environment, including *inter-alia* the water falls, streams, medicinal herbs, temples and the tribal population. The Committee submitted its report on 29th January, 1987. The report of the Committee is under active consideration of the Government and environmental clearance is yet to be accorded.

A total amount of about Rs. 25 crores has already been spent upto July, 1987 on the Project and that includes an amount of Rs. 5.78 crores spent during the period of stoppage of work.

There has been no mining operations. However, about 70,000 tonnes of bauxite was recovered from the excavations done for the foundation of the Crusher Plant.

Inter State Bus Terminals

*479. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft Plan for 'Delhi Perspective 2001' envisaged the requirement of 5 new inter-State bus terminals;

(b) when was this draft plan submitted;

(c) on how many terminals work has